

- Danbury public schools is 4th largest in the state at almost 12,000 students
 - Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford are higher
- 38.2% of Danbury's students are economically disadvantaged
- Danbury Public Schools has a 70% minority enrollment (USNews, 2023)
- Danbury has the largest high school in Connecticut, with over 3,000 students in one school it creates overcrowding issues
- Overcrowding leads to more kids in line for lunch, which therefore decreases the amount of time children have to eat during their lunch period.
- Fast eating increases the amount of food one intakes and increases the risk for obesity (Zeng, et. al., 2018)
- Danbury was left off the list of schools that were given funding for mental health programs (Lamont, 2023)
- Over 50% of children fall into the "high needs group" this means schools require more funding in order to provide for these programs (EdSight)
- Schooling resources that cost money are positively associated with student outcomes (Baker, 2017)
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Instructional supports
 - Early childhood programs
 - Special education instructors, and programs
- According to the World Health Organization there is a relationship between good funding for schools and better health outcomes
- Early access to programs effect student wellbeing and health overall (Barnett, 2011)
- You have the chance to be the change in their lives

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